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Subject: EARTH FIRST

Dear Jorgen:

Reference is made to your communication, reference number 37/304/94, which was received at this office on January 25, 1994.

Your referenced communication requested any information the FBI may have on an environmental organization known as Earth First. The FBI became aware of this organization when it was learned some of its members were committing acts of sabotage and destruction to properties in furtherance of their environmental philosophies.

The investigation was not centered on Earth First, but rather, focused on a group of individuals, many of whom were members of Earth First, who were engaged in a number of criminal acts within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction. It is important we make this distinction as the FBI is prohibited by law from investigating organizations of this nature.

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BUFILES REVEAL A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY WAS INITIATED IN JANUARY, 1988, CAPTIONED "EARTH FIRST; DOMESTIC TERRORISM," BASED ON ALLEGATIONS THAT A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS, SOME OF WHOM BELONGED TO EARTH FIRST, WERE COMMITTING ACTS OF SABOTAGE AND DESTRUCTION TO PROPERTIES ON BEHALF OF THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHIES. A FULL FIELD INVESTIGATION WAS AUTHORIZED IN JUNE, 1988, AND THE TITLE WAS CHANGED TO "EMETIC." THIS INVESTIGATION WAS NOT AN

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TWO TELETYPES DATED JULY 19, 1990, AND OCTOBER 30, 1990, CAPTIONED "ALLEGATIONS OF PLANNED VIOLENCE, BOMB THREATS, AND VANDALISM BY MEMBERS OF EARTH FIRST ORGANIZATION AT TONASKET, WASHINGTON FROM JUNE 8-10, 1990; BOMB THREAT; OO: SEATTLE," ARE BEING FAXED TO YOUR OFFICE.

IN JANUARY, 1993, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS), RUTLAND, VERMONT, SUBMITTED EVIDENCE (TWO COMPUTER DISKS) TO OUR FBI LABORATORY (FBILAB) FOR EXAMINATION. THE USFS ADVISED IN DECEMBER, 1992, THE LOCKS ON A BULLDOZER LOCATED ON NATIONAL FOREST LAND WERE DESTROYED. EARTH FIRST, A RADICAL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN PROTECTING THIS TIMBER SALE AND HAD SAID THEY WOULD MONKEYWRENCH LOGGING EQUIPMENT AND STOP THE HARVESTING OF TIMBER.

THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION WERE RETURNED TO THE USFS IN MAY, 1993. FBI FILES DO NOT CONTAIN A FINAL DISPOSITION CONCERNING THE USFS'S INVESTIGATION.

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The confidential source in this document has provided reliable information which has been corroborated by consensual recordings.

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I. OVERVIEW

EARTH FIRST (EF) is a nationwide association of persons concerned with preserving the ecological status of the earth. Within the organization exists groups of individuals who call themselves, "Monkey Wrenchers" who purport to preserve the earth's ecological makeup through acts of destruction or sabotage which they term "Ecotage." EF the organization maintains loose ties with other ecological and animal rights organizations such as the Audubon Society, The Sierra Club, Greenpeace, "Freeze", the Animal Liberation Front, and the Rain Forest Action Group. Though all of the named organizations, EF inclusive, are concerned with environmental or animal rights issues, EF is commonly acknowledged to be the most radical in their actions.

Though EF desires to appear as a decentralized group, as a "movement", there exists cooperating elements within EF which serve to confirm the existence of EF as an organization. These elements include dozens of local EF groups, the EF Foundation (the fundraising arm of the organization), the Nomadic Action Group (the action arm of EF), various task forces, the EF Journal, and the national annual meeting which is called "Round River Rendezvous." Additionally, select members of the EF organization participate in a traveling "road show", which transverses select regions of the United States in an effort to recruit new members and enlighten attendees to local and national ecological issues.

As EF claims to be a "movement" as opposed to an organization, there exists no formal leadership positions within the group. The organization was initially [redacted]

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by the Nomadic Action Group.

The investigation outlined in this document does not concern EF as an ecological-minded organization, and does not involve the broad based membership in this group. Though it has been determined that there indeed exists a radical and destructive arm within the EF organization, there also exists a faction within EF which is committed to preserving the earth's environment through peaceful means. This investigation concerns the sector of EF which resorts to sabotage ("Ecotage"), destruction to achieve their goals.

Information has been developed as outlined in this document which reveals that certain EF members are responsible for the sabotage of a chairlift at a Flagstaff, Arizona ski resort, may be responsible for the sabotage of power lines at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station near Phoenix, Arizona. [REDACTED]

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II. INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED

As stated in the overview, EF is an organization concerned with environmental and ecological issues. Therefore, most members of EF would not be involved in criminal activity. However, investigation to date reveals that specific members of EF have committed, and are currently engaging in criminal activity. EF members committing criminal acts prefer anonymity as opposed to assuming leadership roles within the national EF structure. Yet within EF the organization, there exists a private heirarchy among members according to action and philosophy. This is inclusive of members of the Nomadic Action Group sect, which holds in high esteem the leadership abilities of experienced and successful "Monkey Wrenchers".

The following individuals currently compromise the known and suspected destructive arm of EF, as determined through investigation:

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[REDACTED] also known as
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Vehicle [REDACTED]

Summary: [REDACTED]
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III. EARTH FIRST PHILOSOPHY AND ORGANIZATION

EF is composed of people referring to themselves as radical environmentalists that are part of a "movement", not an "organization". Although the movement claims to have no officers or structure, it is common knowledge among EF membership that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] If organized at all, members gather by bio-region. However, most separate into statewide groups. The movement was founded in 1980.

EF maintains a foundation which receives donations and provides grants. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are [REDACTED] Projects mentioned as funded were research, educational programs, the Rain Forest Tour, and activities of the Nomadic Action Group (NAG).

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Primary means of communication is through a newsletter referred to by EF members as "The Journal". The Journal is entitled, "Earth First! The Radical Environmental Journal." The Journal is published in Tucson, Arizona eight times a year according to the ancient pagan European nature holidays. In every EF Journal there exists a column entitled "Dear [REDACTED]". "Dear [REDACTED]" consists of directives and the latest techniques utilized by "Monkey Wrenchers" to direct the EF message to entities who are not among the ecologically minded, such as corporate miners, lumber mills, and power companies. An introductory paragraph of disclaimer accompanies each [REDACTED] column stating that EF does not condone such actions, or inspire them. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in The Journal [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Also included in each Journal is a section entitled, "The Directory", which lists active EF groups and local

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contacts. The Directory is coordinated [REDACTED]
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EF's motto is "No Compromise in the Defense of Mother Earth!" The philosophy of the movement is directly tied to this motto. EF believes that the natural evolution of Mother Earth should continue without intervention of man. Man's existence on earth should be in complete harmony with the environment. Human influence on this earth should be no greater than any wild animal's. Many EF members do not believe in the consumptive sport of hunting or fishing, and abhor the destruction or killing of any wildlife or wild animals. Many have as their goal, a return to a true wilderness state throughout the world.

Many followers of the movement once belonged to other environmental organizations such as The Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society. Continued membership in these far less radical organizations is not encouraged except for task force type liaisons. The major stated difference between EF and these aforementioned organizations is EF's unwillingness to compromise an issue. EF is neither inclined to, nor financially capable of entering into the political or legal arena, or to proceed with lawsuits and appeals. These means are also viewed by EF members as weakness or compromise. For this reason they maintain close alliance and communication with other non-radical environmental organizations. This association is of mutual benefit to both entities, in that exposure to information on environmental issues increases substantially. Issues which may have been lost in the political arena by non-radical environmental organizations may be adopted by EF. A planned civil disobedience action, or some type of environmental sabotage may well be used as a last stand. Likewise, if EF becomes aware of an issue which may have a good chance of being delayed or won through the court system, this information will then be passed on to the appropriate "money" organization. Therefore, where substantial opposition to a project is expected or encountered, close communication with involved people or groups is needed to anticipate at what "stage" they might be.

Members of the movement are not required to participate in the civil disobedience (normally resulting in arrest) or partake in any form of sabotage. However, they are adamantly

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told not to condemn those who wish to follow these forms of non-compromise. Members of the movement who do not wish to be arrested, may become actively involved as a support team member. Support members are involved with all forms of the "action" except the unlawful act. Support members would perform such duties as making banners, providing transportation and food, contacting the media, and overall physical and psychological support to those members who may be arrested. It is vitally important for the support team to be in the courtroom during any judicial proceedings. If "action" members are given a jail sentence, it is also important for the support team to write and visit jailed members, as well as be there in force when the members are released. Media contacts through all phases of the legal system is another task of the support team. It is up to the support team to make "action" members feel like local heroes.

Civil disobedience actions, commonly referred to as "CD's" are EF's most common method of bringing local and national attention to an environmental issue. The CD may be a well planned and strategized action, but in most cases it is not the intent of the CD's to bring the media to the side of the environmental issue or concern. In some instances a news release may be given to the media by the support team. The intent of all this media coverage is to raise the level of awareness and knowledge of the general public on issues that are affecting public lands.

Destructive activities such as tree spiking, sabotage of power lines, to heavy equipment are committed by members of EF. There is some disagreement internally as to whether EF should do this. However, clear emphasis and support was placed on this by [redacted], and [redacted] (an environmentalist, author, staunch supporter, and inspiration to EF), as a basic activity of EF. Knowledge of persons committing specific acts is difficult to determine as it is kept secret among those directly involved. A core group, known as The Nomadic Action Group, appears to be the most active in sabotage and civil disobedience activities. Members of the Nomadic Action Group are often active in training other EF members for civil disobedience actions, or help to plan direct actions. Most members of the Nomadic Action Group wear EF Monkey Wrench tee shirts in black. Acknowledged members include [redacted] and [redacted]

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IV. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Investigation to date has determined that there is probable cause to believe that members of EF are engaged in criminal activity. These activities include the actual and attempted destruction of a facility used in interstate commerce, destruction of an energy facility, unlawful possession of a destructive device, and miscellaneous other criminal acts.

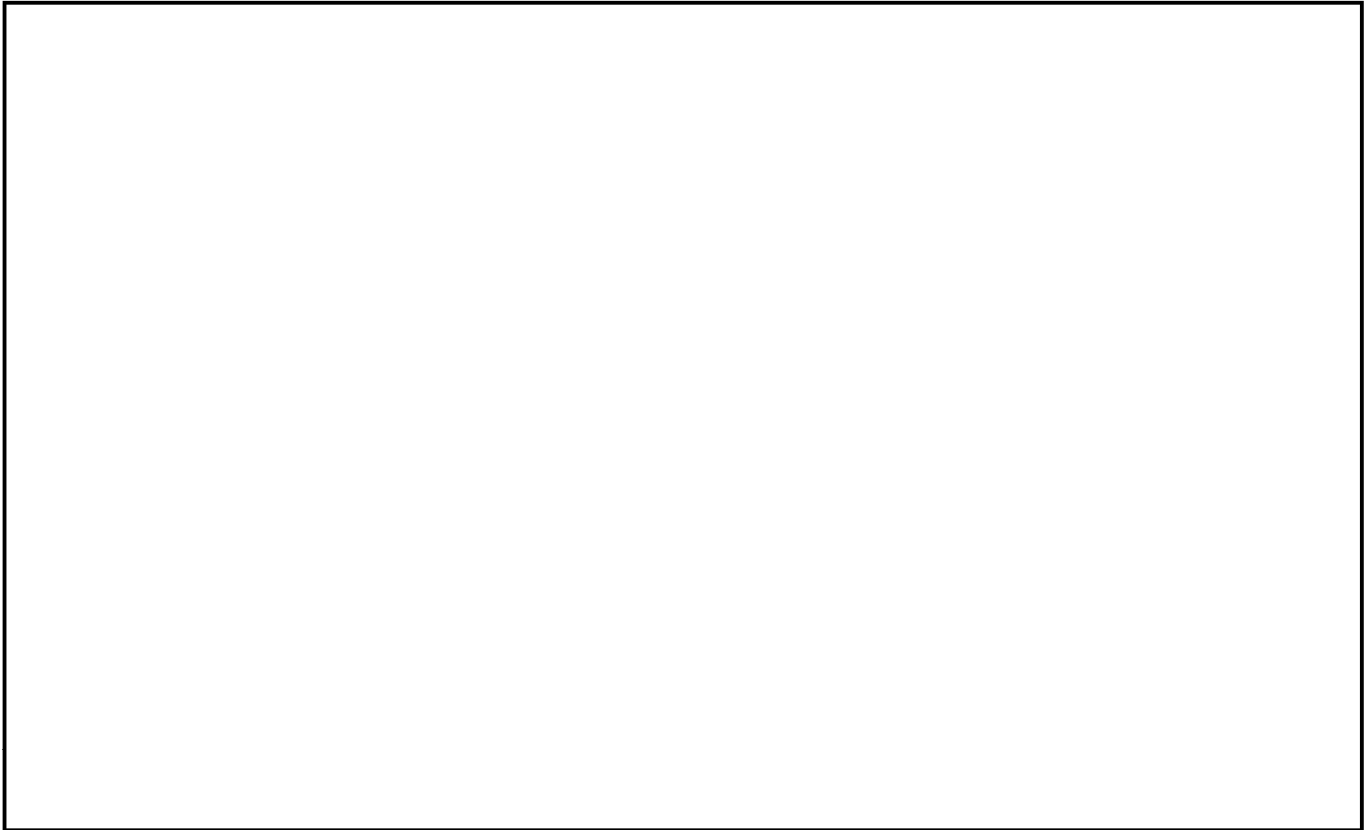
A. Destruction of a facility used in interstate commerce.

On November 9, 1987, the Fairfield Snow Bowl, a Flagstaff, Arizona Ski Resort, received an extortion letter in the United States mail which advised that extensive damage had been done to the cables supporting the chairlift at the resort. The letter implied that further damage would be done to the facility if the trees were not allowed to grow back, and if ski operations in the area were not discontinued. Receipt of this letter prompted an inspection of the chairlift and cables, revealing that the bolts which anchored the pylons supporting the cable and lift chairs had been cut with a torch. If undetected, the damage was sufficient enough to cause the chairlift to fall, resulting in death to the persons in the chairs. The chairlift had a maximum capacity of 900 persons, and was repaired at a cost of \$20,000.

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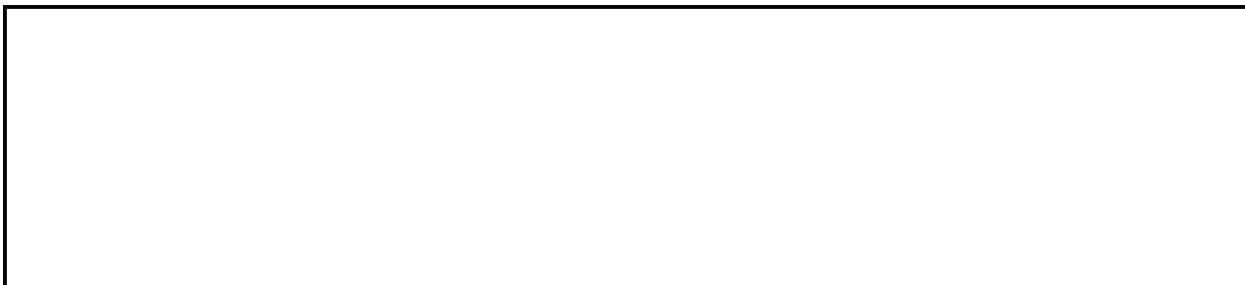
D. Destruction of an energy facility.

On May 14, 1986, the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, located approximately 42 miles west of Phoenix, Arizona, suffered simultaneous destruction of three incoming power lines at three different locations, approximately 10 to 15 miles apart. All three of the incidents happened only minutes apart, and modus operandi was identical in all three instances. An attempt was made with the use of a "cable sling" to pull the existing power lines together, which caused the lines to short out. This act resulted in a power failure at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, total loss to the owners of the station totalled \$1,260,000. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has described the Palo Verde incident as the most serious act ever perpetrated against a nuclear generating plant in the United States. Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station is the largest nuclear generating station in the United States, and second largest in the world.



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As a result of investigation in the Phoenix Division, EF member and [redacted] was determined to be a suspect in the Palo Verde investigation. To date, no conclusive evidence has been obtained.

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On May 24, 1986, a meeting of EF members occurred in southern Arizona, and was attended by undercover Phoenix FBI agents. In the course of the meeting, all present identified themselves, and some provided brief commentary regarding miscellaneous subjects of personal interest. Approximately halfway through the introductions, an individual identified himself as [redacted] and stated, "I've just gotten back from visiting power centers in the midwest." An individual who identified himself as [redacted] (LNU) responded that [redacted] "Just got finished destroying a power center in Arizona." [redacted] remained silent while a few members of the group laughed. An individual identifying herself as [redacted] (LNU) then stated, "It's alright [redacted], it was a good job." [redacted] then stated in an angry voice, "I did not hear that."

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E. Miscellaneous criminal acts.



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On August 24, 1987, Sacramento FBI advised Phoenix FBI that on June 12, 1987, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company had approximately 15 power poles sabotaged by unknown persons in Nevada and Placer Counties, California. Approximately 100 cables had been partially severed by a hacksaw, affecting the stability of the poles. Estimated repairs were approximately \$25,000, and would have been as high as a million dollars had the poles actually fallen.

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On August 3, 1987, Pacific Gas and Electric was again the target of saboteurs, when the bolts from metal towers supporting power lines northeast of Reno, Nevada were willfully removed.

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In November of 1987, eight diesel engines belonging to a logging company in Willow Creek Mesa, New Mexico, were severely damaged when unidentified abrasives were introduced into the oil systems. The logging company incurred damages of \$30,000 for actual repairs and \$60,000 in loss of production.

3. Numerous reports are on file with the United States Forest Service and local law enforcement agencies which encompass episodes of tree spiking, road spiking, heavy equipment disablement, fence cutting, billboard destruction, power line sabotage, disruption of survey sites, and road closings. All of these tactics mentioned are openly espoused by EF members who participate in direct action. Techniques are frequently evaluated and improved upon, and appear in various EF Journals and other publications.

V. CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

Investigation conducted to date has indicated that EF members as individuals and as groups have in the past, and are presently conspiring to violate the following federal statutes:

1. Title 18, United States Code, Section 844
(i) (Destruction of a facility used in interstate commerce).
Title 18 also encompasses attempted destruction of facilities used in interstate commerce.

2. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1366
(Destruction of an energy facility).

3. Title 26, United States Code, Section 5845

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(Unlawful possession of a destructive device).

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

Particular members of the EF organization have committed and are conspiring to commit criminal acts which are inspired by their philosophical beliefs. These criminal acts require the use of force or violence and may directly endanger human life. Based on these facts, it is recommended that a full domestic security investigation be instituted on EF for a period of six months.



U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

December 14, 1990

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This investigation was predicated on a number of destruction and sabotage acts in the state of Arizona, to include the conspiracy to simultaneously sabotage nuclear generating facilities located in Arizona, California, and Colorado. Violations which are attributed to this investigation were the May, 1986, sabotage of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, which resulted in a \$1,260,000 loss to the owners of the station. The October, 1987, sabotage of the Fairfield Snow Bowl Ski Resort, which was repaired at a cost of \$20,000; the September, 1988, sabotage of power poles and power lines leading to the Canyon, Pine Nut, and Hermit Uranium Mines located near the Grand Canyon in Arizona, which were repaired at a cost of \$10,000; and a second attack on the Fairfield Snow Bowl Ski Resort in October, 1988, which resulted in damages totaling \$30,000.

Investigation has determined that the above-described acts of destruction and sabotage were conducted by certain individuals who are members or affiliates of the environmental organization "Earth First." The members of the criminal enterprise purport to preserve the earth's environment by means of sabotage and extortionate demands. The group sent a letter claiming credit for the ski resort sabotage calling themselves "Evan Mechem Eco-Terrorist International Conspiracy (EMETIC)."

On 5/30-31/89, five individuals who are members of a affiliated with "Earth First" were arrested by the FBI and charged with Destruction of an Energy Facility, Destruction of a Facility used in Interstate Commerce, Destruction of Government Property, and Conspiracy to sabotage Nuclear Facilities. All are awaiting trial which is anticipated to commence approximately January, 1991.



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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, ON OCTOBER 18, 1990, [REDACTED]

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OF EMPLOYMENT, [REDACTED] IN

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[REDACTED] WAS COOPERATIVE AND WAS

SPECIFICALLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ALLEGED THREATS WHICH WERE MADE DURING A HEALING AND GATHERING FESTIVAL FROM JUNE 8-10, 1990 NEAR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] STATED THAT SHE WAS AT THE HEALING FESTIVAL AND THAT THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. SHE DENIED EVER MAKING THREATS TO BOMB OR VANDALIZE ANYTHING. SHE ALSO DENIED EVER HEARING OR KNOWING OF SOMEONE WHO MAY HAVE STATED ANY THREATS. [REDACTED] ALSO DENIED BEING A MEMBER OF OR AFFILIATED WITH ANY MEMBER OF THE EARTH FIRST ORGANIZATION.

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[REDACTED] WAS THEN QUERIED REGARDING HER KNOWLEDGE OF A PERSON BY THE NAME OF [REDACTED] (LNU) FROM [REDACTED] WHO WAS

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[REDACTED] OF THE EARTH FIRST ORGANIZATION IN ATTENDANCE AT THE GATHERING. SHE WAS GIVEN HIS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION,

HOWEVER, SHE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH PERSON. SHE WAS THEN

ASKED IF SHE KNEW [REDACTED] (LNU) ALSO KNOWN AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] KNEW [REDACTED] TO BE [REDACTED] YEARS OLD WHO

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WAS CURRENTLY WORKING AT AN UNKNOWN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SHE KNEW THAT [REDACTED] WAS AT THE HEALING AND GATHERING FESTIVAL, BUT DENIED EVER HEARING HER MAKE THREATS TO

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BOMB OR VANDALIZE ANYBODY OR ANYTHING. [] DESCRIBED [] AS BEING A QUIET, TIMID, "FLOWER CHILD" WHO WOULD NOT LIKELY BE A MEMBER OF THE EARTH FIRST ORGANIZATION. [] DID NOT KNOW [] CURRENT WHEREABOUTS BUT STATED THAT IF SHE EVER SEES HER IN THE FUTURE SHE WOULD ASK HER TO CALL THE FBI, SPOKANE RESIDENT AGENCY.

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SEATTLE INDICES WERE CHECKED FOR REFERENCES TO [] AND [] AND WERE NEGATIVE. LOCAL POLICE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECORDS WERE ALSO CHECKED AND WERE ALSO NEGATIVE.

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ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY JAMES B. CRUM, EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, WAS APPRISED OF THE DETAILS OF THE CASE AND WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO MERIT PROSECUTION.

BASED UPON THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE POSITION AND BECAUSE THE INFORMANT IN THIS MATTER HAS NOT PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS, SEATTLE IS CONSIDERING THIS MATTER CLOSED. IF FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE CAPTIONED MATTER ARISES, SEATTLE MAY CONSIDER REOPENING THIS CASE.

[] IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: SHE IS ALSO KNOWN AS [] SEX - [] RACE - [] DATE OF BIRTH - []

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AND VANDALISM BY MEMBERS OF EARTH FIRST ORGANIZATION AT TONASKET,
WASHINGTON; 6/8-10/90; BOMB THREAT; OO: SEATTLE.

TITLE CHANGED TO READ AS ABOVE. TITLE FORMERLY CARRIED AS
"EARTH FIRST, INFORMATION CONCERNING."

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NUMBER 100A-PD-15105. AS THIS MATTER MORE CORRECTLY INVOLVES AN ALLEGED BOMB THREAT, TITLE AND CHARACTER HAVE BEEN CHANGED ACCORDINGLY.

FOR INFORMATION OF FBIMQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES, THIS COMMUNICATION SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.

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ON 6/11/90, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

TELEPHONICALLY

CONTACTED PORTLAND OFFICE ADVISING SHE HAD ATTENDED AN "EARTH FESTIVAL" NEAR TONASKET, WASHINGTON, 6/8-10/90, AND THAT SEVERAL PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE HAD MADE VARIOUS THREATS AGAINST LOGGING CORPORATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS IN THE NORTHWEST. [REDACTED] INDICATED SHE WAS WILLING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY A BUREAU AGENT.

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ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] FOLLOWING THIS TELEPHONE CALL DETERMINED SHE WAS AWAY FROM HER RESIDENCE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

[REDACTED] WAS LOCATED 7/13/90, AT WHICH TIME SHE VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

[REDACTED] HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT AND DESCRIBED HERSELF AS AN "ACTIVIST." SHE, HOWEVER, ADVISED SHE IS DISENCHANTED WITH THE "BLOOD THIRSTY" ATTITUDE OF THE "EARTH FIRST MOVEMENT" AND THE DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY

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EXPRESSED BY SOME MEMBERS OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

[REDACTED] LEARNED OF A "HEALING GATHERING AND EARTH FESTIVAL" SPONSORED BY VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS THROUGH A FRIEND WHO HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT. THIS FESTIVAL WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE 6/8-10/90, IN A REMOTE LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 14 MILES FROM TONASKET, WASHINGTON. THIS LOCATION, KNOWN AS THE OKANAGAN RIVER CAMP WAS USED BY THE GROUP FOR THE THREE-DAY MEETING WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND PERSONS. AN ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS "EARTH FIRST" PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS DURING THE FESTIVAL.

THE EARTH FIRST GROUP WAS QUITE MILITANT. [REDACTED] OF THE EARTH FIRST GROUP WERE DESCRIBED BY [REDACTED] AS FOLLOWS:

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] OF THE EARTH FIRST GROUP AND
LEAD MANY OF THE DISCUSSIONS SURROUNDING MILITANT-TYPE ACTION.
[REDACTED] ALONG WITH OTHER EARTH FIRST
MEMBERS, SPOKE ABOUT VARIOUS ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN BY THE
GROUP. [REDACTED] SPECIFICALLY HEARD THE GROUP MENTION THE
FOLLOWING:

1. THE GROUP DISCUSSED BOMBING UNSPECIFIED PAPER MILLS
WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE DIOXIN LEVELS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER.
2. THE GROUP DISCUSSED BOMBING THE AUTOMOBILE BELONGING TO
THE [REDACTED] OF THE WEYERHAEUSER LUMBER COMPANY AS RETALIATION
FOR THE DIOXIN LEVELS IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER CAUSED BY
WEYERHAEUSER PLANTS. THE GROUP DISCUSSED RECRUITING PERSONS WITH
THE KNOWLEDGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

3. THE GROUP ADVOCATED PLACING SUGAR INTO GAS TANKS OF
EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY AND THE LOUISIANA
PACIFIC COMPANY, AS WELL AS INTO GAS TANKS OF EQUIPMENT OWNED BY
SEVERAL SMALLER UNSPECIFIED COMPANIES IN WASHINGTON AND IDAHO.
THE GROUP SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SUCH ACTION AGAINST THE MERRICK
BROTHERS OR MERRICK COMPANY LOCATED IN THE PRIEST RIVER, IDAHO,
AREA.

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4. THE GROUP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DIRT BIKES ARE CAUSING ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE IN A PARK, EXACT LOCATION AND NAME UNKNOWN, NEAR REPUBLIC, WASHINGTON, AND SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE THAT PIANO WIRE BE STRUNG ACROSS DIRT BIKE TRAILS AT NECK LEVEL.

5. THE GROUP DISCUSSED SPIKING OF TREES, LOCATION UNKNOWN.

[] WAS UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC REGARDING THESE THREATS AND CAN NOT ATTRIBUTE THREATS TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT [] (LNU) APPEARED TO BE [] OF THE EARTH FIRST GROUP AND WAS ACTIVE IN AND LEAD DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THESE POSSIBLE ACTIONS.

[] EXPLAINED THAT SHE IS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING TO [] BUT DOES NOT KNOW AT WHAT ADDRESS SHE WILL BE RESIDING. DURING THE ABOVE MEETING SHE OBTAINED LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED BY EARTH FIRST INCLUDING A MAP OF THE AREA WHERE THE MEETING WAS HELD, HOWEVER, THIS MATERIAL IS PACKED IN PERSONAL BELONGINGS BEING MOVED TO [] AND WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE UNTIL SHE ARRIVES THERE. [] BELIEVES SHE HAS THE FULL NAME OF [] (LNU) RECORDED IN THIS MATERIAL AND IS WILLING TO FURNISH THE NAME AND LITERATURE TO BUREAU AGENTS WHEN SHE UNPACKS MATERIAL UPON HER ARRIVAL IN PRIEST LAKE, IDAHO. SHE

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FURTHER BELIEVES SHE HAS SOME NOTES TAKEN DURING THE MEETING WHICH MAY ALLOW HER TO BE MORE SPECIFIC. [] ADVISED SHE WILL TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT THE COEUR D' ALENE, IDAHO, RESIDENT AGENCY, UPON HER OBTAINING AN ADDRESS AT []

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[] RELIABILITY IS UNKNOWN. PORTLAND RECOGNIZES THAT THE ABOVE ALLEGED THREATS ARE IN SOME CASES VAGUE AND THAT NO TIME PERIOD IS INDICATED FOR SUCH ACTS TO TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER, LEADS SET IN REFERENCED TELETYPE AND IN THIS COMMUNICATION TO NOTIFY POTENTIAL VICTIMS SHOULD BE HANDLED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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AS THE ALLEGED BOMB THREAT DIRECTED AGAINST THE CAR OF THE [] OF WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY IS LOCATED AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON, SEATTLE IS BEING DESIGNATED AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN THIS MATTER. FD-302 REPORTING INTERVIEW OF [] WILL BE FURNISHED TO RECEIVING OFFICES BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

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ON 7/18/90, INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE BOMB THREAT WAS DISSEMINATED BY SA [] TO SPECIAL AGENT [] [] U.S. SECRET SERVICE, PORTLAND, OREGON, AT 2:00 P.M.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU.

FBIHQ IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT AN INDICES TRACE REGARDING
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION EARTH FIRST AND THEREAFTER
PROVIDE LEGAT LONDON WITH A RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST SET FORTH
IN THE TEXT BELOW.

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Attached is a report, from 1988, which outlines the individuals within Earth First who are suspected of having conducted criminal acts on behalf of their environmental beliefs.

Our information regarding this group is rather sketchy based on the fact that the FBI does not investigate political action groups and the criminal acts committed by members of these groups tend to fall under the local law enforcement jurisdiction.

If you should have specific requests regarding individuals known to be members of Earth First or techniques used by the Earth First organization, please feel free to re-contact me and I will attempt to obtain additional information for you from local law enforcement authorities.

Very truly yours,

Susan A. Sprengel
Assistant Legal Attache

For: Richard I. Dalton
Acting Legal Attache

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